

SEVENTEENTH

Annual Report of the Auditor

OF THE

CITY OF LINCOLN

NEBRASKA



FOR THE YEAR ENDING
AUGUST 31, 1920

Lincoln, Nebraska, February 1, 1921.

To the Honorable City Council,
City of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Gentlemen:

I am submitting herewith the First Annual Report of all of the Departments of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska. It has been customary to prepare an Annual Report of the Auditor, and this volume contains the Seventeenth Annual Report of such Auditor.

It has been our effort to consolidate reports of all departments of the city and publish them in one volume. Each department has presented a report of the activities in that department, while the Auditor's report shows the receipts and expenditures and financial transactions in detail.

The Auditor's report is for the period from September 1, 1919, to August 31, 1920, and covers the fiscal year, as nearly as possible, while the other reports are different, some covering the calendar year, and others the fiscal year.

It is difficult to properly prepare reports of this character, because our fiscal year begins the first Monday in September, our license year on the first day of June, the municipal year on the first Monday after the first Tuesday in May, and the calendar year on the first of January.

Respectfully submitted,

THEO. H. BERG,
City Clerk and Auditor.

PART ONE

GENERAL INFORMATION

OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

January 1, 1921

The City of Lincoln, Nebraska, now is and since May 13, 1913, has been operating under the Commission Form of government. Under this form of government, the city is divided into five departments, and five councilmen are elected. The five councilmen constitute the city council. The council organizes by electing one of its members as president of the council, who is also Mayor of the city. Each councilman is assigned to one of the departments, is called a superintendent thereof, and is responsible for its proper operation.

All other city officials, except Police Judge, are appointed by the council. The office of Police Judge is one that has been fixed by the constitution of the state, and this officer is elected at county and state elections. The constitution has been amended in this respect and when the proper law has been passed by the legislature, the Police Judge of a city will no doubt be elected at city elections.

City elections are held on the first Tuesday in May of each odd numbered year. The terms of office of councilmen are two years, beginning the first Monday following the election.

The departments of the City of Lincoln are assigned as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

JOHN E. MILLER, Mayor.....Superintendent

City Attorney's Office

C. PETRUS PETERSON, Attorney
CHARLES R. WILKE, Deputy

Police Department

PETER JOHNSTONE, Chief of Police

Park Department

P. EDINBOROUGH, Assistant Superintendent of Parks

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DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND FINANCES

GEORGE DAYTON.....Superintendent

City Treasurer's OfficeGEORGE DAYTON, Ex-officio, Treasurer
A. W. EASTERDAY, Deputy**City Clerk and Auditor's Office**THEO. H. BERG, Clerk and Auditor
EARL M. POOR, Deputy**Tax Commissioner's Office**

P. H. MATHEWS, Tax Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF STREETS AND PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

THOMAS J. HENSLEY.....Superintendent

Street Department

W. T. OVERTON, Assistant Superintendent

Engineer's OfficeGEORGE W. BATES, Engineer
H. C. SCHLUETER, Deputy
F. E. MELKER, Sewer and Plumbing Inspector
F. J. PECK, Building and Sidewalk Inspector

At the County election held last November, Mr. Hensley was elected a County Commissioner of Lancaster County.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

JOHN WRIGHT.....Superintendent

Fire DepartmentOLOF OLSON, Chief
J. J. RYAN, Assistant Chief**Health Department**DR. CHAUNCEY F. CHAPMAN, Superintendent
DR. W. H. SLATTERY, Assistant**City Scales**

L. C. McBRIDE, Weighmaster

Electric Inspection

S. H. SHIPMAN, Inspector

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC PROPERTY

WILLIAM SCHROEDER.....Superintendent

Water and Light Department

HARRY E. FARMER, Assistant Superintendent
A. G. JOHNSON, Chief Engineer

Police Judge

HOWARD J. WHITMORE

LINCOLN CITY LIBRARY

(Members appointed by Council)

Officers

Nelson C. Brock.....President
Lawrence Fossler.....Vice-President
C. D. Hyatt.....Secretary
Lulu Horne.....Librarian

Board of Directors

Mrs. F. H. Woods
Dr. H. B. Lowrey
Nelson C. Brock
Lawrence Fossler
H. T. Dobbins

BOARD OF EXAMINING ENGINEERS

(Members appointed by Council)

Fred W. Tyler, Chairman
John Green, Treasurer
A. G. Johnson, Secretary

The Board meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:30 P. M. at the City Hall to examine applicants as to their qualifications to operate stationary steam engines and boilers within the city of Lincoln.

FACTS ABOUT LINCOLN

City originally incorporated on April 7, 1869.
Incorporated as a city of the Second Class on March 18, 1871.
Incorporated as a city of the First Class on March 25, 1887.
Altitude: 1,165 feet above sea level.
Area: 7,944.3 acres (12.41 square miles).
Paved streets and alleys: 98.04 miles.
Parks: 340 acres.
Sanitary sewers: 106.7 miles.
Storm sewers: 22.98 miles.
Water mains: 111.7 miles.
Street railways: 38 miles.
Public School buildings: 20.
Churches and denominational schools: 60.
Floating debt: None.

POINTS OF INTEREST

State University Farm	Capital Beach
State Fair Grounds	Epworth Lake Park
State Capitol	Home of William J. Bryan
State Penitentiary	Caves south of City
State Hospital for Insane	State University Campus and
Wyuka Cemetery	Athletic Field

six tennis courts erected; the ball diamond laid out farther southeast with new outfield; the play ground apparatus purchased and on hand ready to erect.

Fourteenth and Lake Streets

The excavating for a small lake on the three-acre tract at 14th and Mango streets has been completed. A concrete dam with spillway built, the lake used for skating, and when the planting is completed it will make an attractive little park.

West Van Dorn Tract

On the tract from 8th to 11th streets, South of Van Dorn, donated by the Van Dorn estate, all dead trees and stumps have been removed, the remaining trees trimmed and some grading done, making a very desirable piece of park property.

Street Trees

Since the charter amendment gave the City of Lincoln control of all trees on the streets, the Park department has removed over 600 dead, dangerous and undesirable trees, and planted over 400 trees, including American Elm, Hackberry and Norway Maple. trimmed trees on about four miles of streets, and with the co-operation of the City Planning Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, and the University State Farm, has made a survey of nearly all streets in the city, and decided upon the kind of trees suitable for the different streets.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officers in Service

Chief of police.....	1
Captains	3
Patrolmen	12
Patrol drivers	2
Matrons	2
Motorcycle officer	1
Plainclothesmen	2
Stenographer	1
Total.....	24

Number of Arrests Made During Year By Months

September, 1919	355	
October	256	
November	204	
December	118	
January, 1920.....	161	
February	164	
March	156	
April	255	
May	217	
June	170	
July	156	
August	290	
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Males	2,348	
Females	154	
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Number of white people.....	2,272	
Number of colored people.....	230	
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Males—can read and write.....	2,317	
Males—cannot read and write.....	31	
	<hr/>	2,348
Females—can read and write.....	152	
Females—cannot read and write.....	2	
	<hr/>	154
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Social conditions:		
Married males	796	
Single males	1,439	
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Married females	66	
Single females	88	
	<hr/>	154
Not given	113	
	<hr/>	2,502

Meals Furnished

September, 1919	762
October	592
November	375
December	344
January, 1920	718
February	624
March	332
April	587
May	532
June	318
July	275
August	609
Total.....	6,068

Property

Estimated value of automobiles lost and stolen.....	\$122,425.00
Estimated value of automobiles recovered	119,675.00
Estimated value of other property lost and stolen.....	44,952.35
Estimated value of other property recovered.....	19,711.00

Disposition of Prisoners

Total number of persons arraigned.....	2,502
Sent to County Jail.....	23
Held for District Court.....	79
Number of persons fined.....	1,067
Discharged or sentence suspended.....	1,073
Turned over to other authorities.....	221
Cases not disposed of.....	39

2,502

Causes of Arrest

Adultery	1
Assault	15
Auto muffler ordinance violated.....	12
Auto theft	53
Bastardy	1
Begging	22
Breaking and entering.....	20
Breaking glass in street.....	4
Breaking parole	1
Building ordinance violations.....	4

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Business without license.....	1
Carrying concealed weapons.....	5
Chicken stealing	5
Cigarettes, selling to minors.....	3
Cigarette smoking	9
Defrauding eating house.....	6
Desertion	3
Destruction of property.....	8
Discharging firearms in street.....	2
Disorderly conduct	81
Disturbing peace	91
Dope traffickers	7
Drunkenness	231
Embezzlement	2
Escapes	8
Fighting	28
Fire ordinance violations.....	13
Forgery	41
Fortune telling	2
Gambling	100
Garbage ordinance violations.....	1
Glaring headlights	68
Health ordinance violations.....	4
Held for investigation.....	74
Held for other authorities.....	11
Held for witnesses.....	6
Highway robbery	3
Horse stealing	2
Impersonating officer	6
Indecent exposure	8
Insanity	10
Interfering with officer.....	1
I. W. W.....	1
Keeping disorderly house.....	2
Larceny from person.....	4
Larceny, grand	25
Larceny, petit	51
Liquor law violations.....	32
Livestock running at large.....	11
Maintaining gambling resort.....	3
Masher	1
Murder	2
No fund check.....	8
Non-support	3
Obstructing sidewalk	22
Pimping and pandering.....	1

Playing ball in street.....	5
Plumbing ordinance violations.....	1
Profanity	5
Prostitution	4
Pure food law violation.....	1
Rape	1
Receiving stolen property.....	2
Reckless driving	11
Removing mortgaged property from state.....	3
Resisting officer	6
Robbery	5
Running away from home.....	18
Safe blowing	3
Safe keeping, held for.....	16
Seduction	1
Shoplifting	9
Shooting squirrels	2
Sidewalk ordinance violation.....	2
Soliciting	2
Speeding	512
Sunday closing law violation.....	16
Suspicious persons	109
Traffic ordinance violations.....	361
Using mail to defraud.....	1
Vagrancy	172
Venereal disease	16
Weights and measures ordinance violation.....	2
White slavery	13
Wife beating	5
Wife and child desertion.....	6
Total.....	2,502

WATER DEPARTMENT

Municipal Ownership and Operation

Despite the abnormal and unusual conditions prevailing throughout the world, much of which is the usual aftermath of a great war, the high prices of both labor and materials and the great difficulty experienced in securing many supplies, owing not only to a shortage of material but also to slow and uncertain deliveries resulting from a badly demoralized transportation system, the officers of the Municipal Water and Lighting Departments find that in spite of these ob-

POLICE**Receipts**

Balance Sept. 1, 1919.....		\$ 16,782.55
Tax collections	\$ 28,535.37	
Court Costs	4,701.33	
Dog Tax and Tags.....	839.25	
Sale of dogs.....	39.45	
Damage to automobile.....	67.50	
Trousers for officers.....	92.50	
Sale of unclaimed articles.....	111.75	
Refunds	50.78	
Sale of car tickets.....	24.75	
Unclaimed Witness Fees.....	11.00	
Auctioneer's permit.....	15.00	
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Total receipts	\$ 34,488.68	34,488.68
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Total credits		\$ 51,271.23 \$ 51,271.23

Disbursements

Uniforms	\$ 761.50	
Purchase car No. 58.....	1,100.00	
Purchase motorcycle No. 59.....	390.00	
Maintenance	3,090.82	
Salary	32,227.96	
Feed for prisoners.....	741.78	
Oil and gas.....	917.22	
Auto expense	1,388.96	
Telephone	1,907.95	
Signal system.....	48.25	
Expense catching dogs.....	50.50	
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Total Warrants issued.....	\$ 42,624.94	
Warrant debt Sept. 1, 1919	3,046.92	
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	\$ 45,671.86	\$ 45,671.86
Warrants paid		43,025.90
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Warrant debt Sept. 1, 1920		\$ 2,645.96
Total cash charges.....		\$ 43,025.90
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Cash Balance Sept. 1, 1920		\$ 8,245.33
Warrant debt Sept. 1, 1920		2,645.96
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Fund Balance Sept. 1, 1920		\$ 5,599.37

TABLE NO. 3—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT—September 1, 1919, to September 1, 1920.

ACCOUNTS	Over- draft Sept. 1, 1919	Fund Balance Sept. 1, 1919	Tax Collec- tions	Other Incomes	Credit Transfers	Total Credits	Vouchers Paid	Debit Transfer	Warrants Issued	Total Charges	Fund Balance Sept. 1, 1920
Back tax.....		\$ 51.19	\$ 12,052.07			\$ 51.19			\$ 13,505.90	\$ 13,505.90	\$ 51.19
City property.....		3,646.69	61,351.47	\$ 9,056.48		15,698.76			80,249.82	80,249.82	2,192.86
Parks.....		17,131.49	110,120.22	612.87		87,539.44			110,716.60	110,716.60	7,289.62
Fire.....		18,048.62	95,786.67	25,031.36	\$ 6,358.58	128,781.71			116,135.12	122,493.70	18,065.11
General and salary.....		34,336.88	18,285.91	9.25	1,912.50	161,513.49	\$ 30,986.73		6,361.03	30,986.73	39,019.79
Interest and coupon.....		22,087.73	92.77			42,286.14			115,439.37	122,493.70	11,299.41
Judgment.....		10,032.10	30,287.59	55,500.79		10,134.12					3,773.09
Light.....		42,748.84	18,234.04	263.51		128,537.22	20,341.73			115,439.37	13,097.85
Library.....		8,156.89	3,160.39			26,654.44	3,411.43			3,411.43	6,312.71
Library book.....		450.47	6,534.72	2,138.35		3,610.86			14,382.18	14,382.18	199.43
Paving repair.....		9,934.15	28,535.37	5,953.31		18,607.22			42,624.94	42,624.94	4,225.04
Police.....		13,735.63	30,873.00	20,160.05	5,217.65	48,224.31	214.00		60,300.12	60,514.12	5,599.37
Road.....		6,524.90	8,593.31	1,665.95	8.00	62,775.60			10,434.59	10,434.59	2,261.48
Sewer.....		5,174.65		103,950.79		15,441.91		8.00	59,105.33	59,113.33	5,007.32
Sewer extension.....	\$1,428.12			17,644.78		102,522.67	159,200.00			159,200.00	43,409.34
Sinking.....		20,695.78	130,091.66	87.49		168,432.22	612.98			612.98	9,232.22
Sidewalk certificate.....		803.40	792.96	209,820.75		329,647.12	8,500.00	1,912.50	238,087.47	248,499.97	1,070.87
Water.....		119,826.37				1,683.85					81,147.15
Rebate Funds.....		661.43				661.43					661.43
Engineer's office expense.....		668.30	336.25			1,004.55			783.37	783.37	221.18
Paving adjacent to city property.....		2,685.94	18,427.40			21,113.34			7,557.07	7,557.07	13,556.27
Sewer district sinking.....		992.79	430.65	130.73		1,554.17	254.00			254.00	1,300.17
Hospital.....				2,267.22		2,267.22					2,267.22
Golf.....				1,200.00		1,200.00			82.09	82.09	1,117.91
Totals.....	\$1,428.12	\$338,394.24	\$573,986.45	\$455,493.68	\$ 13,496.73	\$1,379,942.98	\$223,520.87	\$ 8,279.08	\$875,765.00	\$1,107,564.95	\$272,378.03